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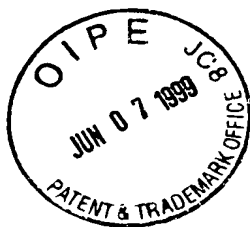
In re the application of:

Spencer Charles RISNER, JR. et al.

Application No. 09/190,103

Filed: November 12, 1998

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING
SKINNED FOOD PRODUCTS



Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 1761

Attorney Docket: TMTOP002

Date: June 7, 1999

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Attention: BOX MISSING PARTS

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts-Filing Date Granted ("the Notice") mailed on December 8, 1998 (the copy of the Notice to be returned with the response is attached). A response to the Notice was due on February 8, 1999. Accordingly, Applicants request a four-month extension of the period for response and attach hereto a check for \$1,360.00 to cover the fee for the extension.

In a separate, concurrently filed communication, Applicants are submitting the processing and retention fee for the subject application. In combination with payment of the fee to extend the period for responding to the Notice, Applicants believe that payment of the processing and retention fee is sufficient to keep the subject application pending through June 8, 1999, to enable the filing a continuation application claiming the benefit of its filing date. The continuation application is being separately filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

In the event additional fees are required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1) for a continuing application to claim the benefit of the filing date of the subject application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. TMTOP002). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

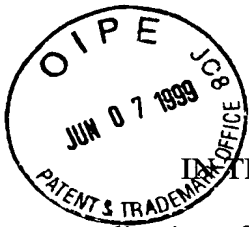
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PAYMENT OF PROCESSING AND RETENTION FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the above-referenced application be processed and retained so that a continuing application may claim the benefit of its filing date. Applicants are attaching a check for \$130.00 to cover the processing and retaining fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l).

If any additional fees are required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1) for a continuing application to claim the benefit of the filing date of the above-referenced application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. TMTOP002).

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